

REMARKS

Formal Matters

Claims 1-15 are cancelled. Claims 16-30 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein. The claims introduce no new matter and their entry by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

CONCLUSION

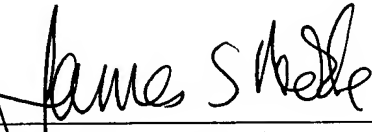
Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number 2300-1598CON.

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